

## Demand Conformance

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### 3.1 General

As of January 1, 2000, the Commission is no longer required to determine if a proposed project conforms to an integrated assessment of need. Senate Bill 110, which took effect on January 1, 2000 (Cal. Const. Art. 4, Section 8.), states:

“Before the California electricity industry was restructured the regulated cost recovery framework for power plants justified requiring the commission to determine the need for new generation, and site only power plants for which need was established. Now that power plant owners are at risk to recover their investments, it is no longer appropriate to make this determination.”

### 3.2 Need for Vernon Power Plant Project

The City of Vernon (City) is in the process of implementing policies that will reposition its power generation asset portfolio to 100 percent local generation. The City is therefore proposing to develop the Vernon Power Plant. This power plant will meet the needs of City’s native load and will also contribute to the electricity reserves that will ensure a reliable energy supply in southern California.